

**OW Staff Meeting Talking Points
6-13-14**

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Oregon CZARA – Status of Settlement Agreement Deadline and Actions

- NWEA has accepted the EPA/NOAA proposal to extend the settlement deadline to January 30th, 2015 to make a decision about Oregon's CZARA program. This extension would give the agencies more time to carefully consider all comments received, revise our decision rationale, and develop a response to comment.
- As a condition of extending the deadline, EPA and NOAA have pledged to provide NWEA with bi-monthly check-ins on progress being made toward meeting the new deadline date.
- EPA and NOAA have also agreed to send a letter to Oregon informing it of the new deadline, clarifying that the upcoming final decision will be based on the materials provided during the recent public comment period, and stating that the federal agencies will begin withholding grant funds for FY15 if the agencies find that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable program.

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